

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, June 6, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell. Twin Oaks, West Washington, D. C. June 6th (. 1894.) My dear Mrs. Bell:

Did you hear that Grace's baby came early Monday morning the 4th? It is Berta's birthday and the baby is to bear her name, Robert Wolcut Bell. We did not expect him until the 20th and were very anxious about both mother and baby for a few days before, but he came all right and both mother and baby are doing very well.

The baby is a strong healthy little fellow but very small, only four and three quarters pounds.

Gardiner is very much pleased with baby brother but says he is a "gentleman of color". I think he is more like a boiled lobster than anything else, but he is a darling all the same and has the dearest little black fur ball of a head, such long thick hair as is a wonder to behold and a delight to stroke. I was the first of the family to hold him, and I thought it rather a delicate job because he was so light I couldn't tell what was baby and what was blanket.

The children, mine, are in Boston. I sent them on Tuesday after they had welcomed the little cousin. Grace's and Mamma's leave on Sunday with Aileen and me, I believe I am going then any way as I can't be any longer away from Alec and my home.

Now my dear Mrs. Bell, I have a question to ask of you, a question I asked Elsie to tell you of before I came and that is, how do you want the Golden Wedding notices worded? They will I suppose, be engraved in gold on white. Do you simply want the notice of the wedding or an invitation to the wedding? You see the latter would do as well because 2 we should

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be glad to see all your friends if they came. If you will write to my father about how you want the cards worded and any thing else you want about them he says he will attend to it for me.

With much love to you and all, Mabel.